

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
AND DESIGNATIONS

MAP 7

TRAILS

- Hike
- Horse
- Bike
- Multiple Use trail

ROADS

- 2 - Lane Paved
- 2 - Lane Gravel
- Less than 2 -Lane Gravel or Dirt
- Railroad

Remove

DEVELOPMENT ZONES

- First Order
- Second Order

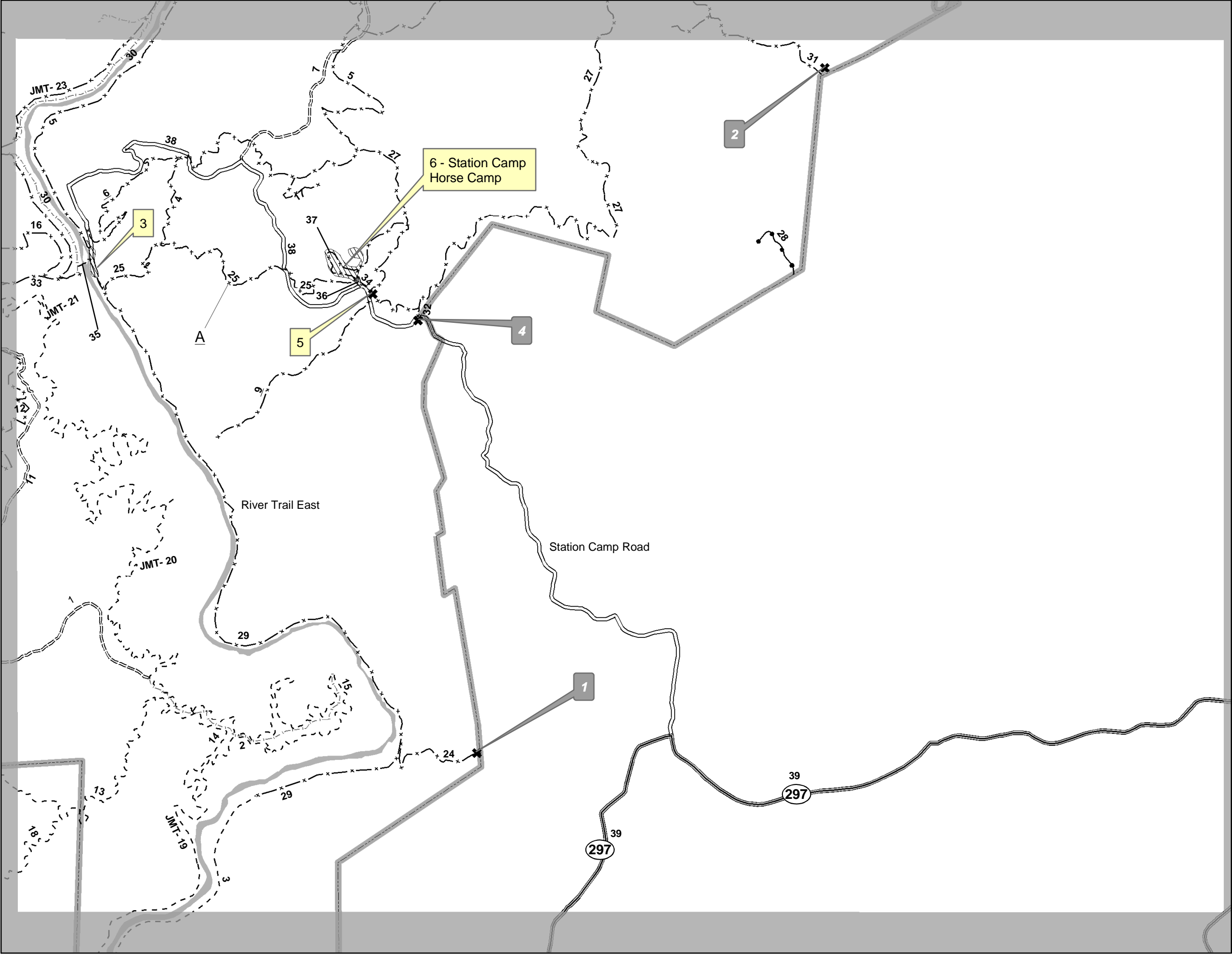
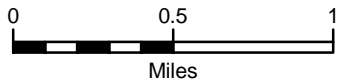
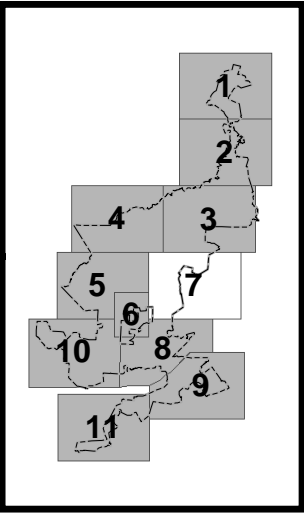
Access

Existing  
Development  
Zone

Proposed  
Development  
Zone

ALTERNATIVES

A B



## DEVELOPMENT SITES

### **John Smith Trailhead (Map 7, Site 1)**

*Description:* Potential new site would provide trail access for developing area. Access would be from TN 297.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site plan; coordinate provision of trailhead at or near boundary. (Access)
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

### **Shot Off Cliff Trailhead (Map 7, Site 2)**

*Description:* Potential new site would provide trail access and allow redesignation of road to a horse trail. Access would be from Grave Hill Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site plan; coordinate provision of trailhead at or near boundary. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

### **Station Camp (Map 7, Site 3)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides river access, picnicking, and trail access. Subject to flooding. Access by Station Camp Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated uses; site review; formalize picnic sites and trailhead. (Second Order)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

### **Station Camp Collector Access (Map 7, Site 4)**

*Description:* Potential new site at boundary would provide for consolidation of growing number of outside horse trails prior to connection with National Area trails. Road access would be by Station Camp Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site plan; coordinate provision of trailhead/hub. (Access)
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

### **Station Camp Day Use Equestrian Trailhead (Map 7, Site 5)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides horse trail access. Access by Station Camp Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated uses. (Access)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

**Station Camp Horse Camp (Map 7, Site 6)**

*Description:* Existing designated site provides developed campground for equestrians and trail access. Access by Station Camp Road.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated uses; minor expansion of campground. (Second Order)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

**ROADS AND TRAILS**

**Alfred Smith Road (Map 7, Roads 1, 2)**

*Description:* Undesignated old road used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles, ATVs, and horses for hunting access, backcountry driving, and riding. Also administrative use. Conflicts occur with John Muir Trail/Grand Gap Loop users.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; designate for road uses only (disallowing ATVs and horses) to vicinity of junction with Grand Gap Loop. Remove road beyond junction with Grand Gap Loop and eliminate all uses on this portion.
- A: Site review; designate multiple-use to vicinity of Grand Gap Loop
- B: Same as A

*Standard:* 2C

**Angel Falls Trail (Map 7, Trail 3)**

*Description:* Designated foot trail on old road providing access to river.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use for hiking only; allow weekday bicycle use if experiment on Grand Gap is successful
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-2

### **Big Island Loop (Map 7, Trails 4, 5, 6, 25)**

*Description:* Designated mostly graveled horse trail used primarily by horses as well as hikers and bikes as a day loop route and as a connector to other trails. Portion near Station Camp uses Station Camp Road, having safety and visitor experience issues.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use; site review; relocate section that uses Station Camp Road by tying into Old Station Camp Road
- A: Continue use as designated in current location
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* Trails 4, 5, 6, 25: H-3; Trail 29: H-4

### **Big Island Road (aka No Business Road) (Map 7, Road 7)**

*Description:* Designated gravel road used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles for hunting access and administrative use. Route is also used for oil/gas well access.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 2C

### **Bronco Overlook Trail (Map 7, Trail 9)**

*Description:* Designated graveled old road used by horses, 4 wheel drives, ATVs, and occasional hikers to access this natural overlook.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Redesignate as horse trail (would disallow all vehicles)
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Designate as multiple-use trail

*Standard:* Preferred/A: H-4; B: MU

### **Duncan Hollow Road (Map 7, Road 11)**

*Description:* Designated multiple-use trail on graveled, single lane old road used by vehicles of all types, horses, bikes, and some hikers for backcountry and hunting access, access to other trails, cemeteries, gas wells and other administrative needs. This is a heavily used route with frequent user conflicts.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Redesignate as a Road suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles. Relocate trail uses to new trail (see Duncan Hollow Trail/Segment A).
- A: Continue as designated multiple-use trail.
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 2C

### **Duncan Hollow Trail (Segment A) (Map 7, Trail 12)**

*Description:* Potential new horse/foot trail providing a better and safer trail experience, between Bandy Creek development area and the vicinity of the gorge closure for Duncan Hollow Multiple Use Trail

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site plan; provide new horse/foot trail
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-5

### **Fall Branch Trail (Map 7, Trail 13)**

*Description:* Designated connector foot trail.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue use as designated
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-3

### **Grand Gap Loop (Map 7, Trails 14, 15)**

*Description:* Designated loop foot trail offering scenic views of gorge. Western portion is also part of the John Muir Trail.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use; also designate for mountain bike use on weekdays on an experimental basis; provide visitor education warning of bicycle use.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-4

### **Hatfield Ridge Trail (Segment C) (Map 7, Trail 16)**

*Description:* Designated horse trail connecting gorge portions of trail to Station Camp area. Also used for administrative vehicle access. Steep sections.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-5

### **Indian Dome Rockhouse Trail (Map 7, Trail 17)**

*Description:* Designated gravel spur trail off of Big Island Loop used by horses, hikers, and bikes to access to the Indian Dome Rockhouse (rock shelter). Undesignated foot trail leads to waterfall.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated horse trail; site review; designate foot trail to waterfall; bring to standard
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-2; F-4

### **John Litton Farm Hiking Loop (Map 7, Trail 18)**

*Description:* Designated hiking trail out of Bandy Creek area providing access to historic John Litton (Litton – Slaven) Farmstead cultural landscape. Some users choose to park vehicles on the side of John Litton Road near the gorge closure gate to make a short, direct hike to the farmstead; however, there is no designated, formal parking available. The portion from Bandy Creek to the farm is designated Segment A, and the short portion from the farm to the John Litton Road is Segment B. Loop hiking would involve using Litton Road and Duncan Hollow Road to return to Bandy Creek.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use; provide small parking area near gate on John Litton Road.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-3

### **John Muir Trail (Segment E) (Map 7, Trails 14, 19)**

*Description:* Portion of designated long-distance hiking trail from Leatherwood Ford to Grand Gap Loop. Crosses and parallels river before climb to Angel Falls Overlook.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated hiking-only use
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-4

### **John Muir Trail (Segments F and G) (Map 7, Trails 20, 21)**

*Description:* Portion of designated long-distance hiking trail from Grand Gap Loop to Station Camp area providing scenic views of gorge and river from cliff edge overlooks.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue designated use; allow bicycle use on a Monday-Friday basis if experiment on Grand Gap Loop is successful; manage natural overlooks according to Sensitive Resource Protection Zone management prescription

- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-4

### **John Muir Trail (Segment I) (Map 7, Trail 23)**

*Description:* Portion of designated long-distance hiking trail between Station Camp and No Business Trail. Section along river is also being used by horses to avoid wet areas on River Trail West, resulting in unsatisfactory trail conditions and resource impacts.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; combine hiking and horse use on site-specifically planned portions of this section on best location
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* F-4/H-3

### **John Smith Trail (Map 7, Trail 24)**

*Description:* Existing, undesignated graveled old road used by horses, vehicles, some hikers and bikers, and occasional wagons to access the river, River Trail East, and a cemetery. Also used for administrative access. Extremely steep and showing signs of erosion.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; designate as horse trail plus administrative access; bring to standard
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* MU

### **Old Station Camp Trail (aka Old Station Camp Road) (Map 7, Trail 25)**

*Description:* Undesignated, unmaintained old road used by horses to connect with trails at Station Camp.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Designate as horse trail; bring to standard
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-3

### **Pilot-Wines Loop (Map 7, Trail 27)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail also used by 4 wheel drives and ATVs on plateau portions. Some steeper sections are substandard, requiring vigilant maintenance, but are in locations where new alignments would be equally or more problematic.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated for horse and hiking use only
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-2

**Red Rock Trail (Map 7, Trail 28)**

*Description:* Designated old road used by 4 wheel drives and ATVs for access to backcountry mostly for hunting purposes.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Redesignate as multiple-use trail
- A: Remove
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 4

**River Trail East (Map 7, Trail 29)**

*Description:* Designated, graveled horse trail using old road. Used primarily by horses but also by hikers and bikes as a riverside recreational ride and as access to Angel Falls and also to Station Camp.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated; hiking only south of Angel Falls
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-4

**River Trail West (Map 7, Trail 30)**

*Description:* Designated horse trail between Station Camp and Big Island used to access points of interest and as one leg of a longer ride. Trail gets flooded frequently and is often muddy. Users often move to the parallel John Muir Trail.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site review; continue as designated on site-specifically planned portions of this section on best location
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-3/F-4

**Shot Off Cliff Trail (Map 7, Trail 31)**

*Description:* Designated old road used by horses and 4 wheel drive vehicles to access the river, Williams Creek, and trail system. Also used for administrative access, including oil and gas sites.

*Alternatives/actions:*



- Preferred: Redesignate as horse trail; allowing vehicle use only for oil/gas and administrative uses.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* MU

### **Station Camp Boundary Connector Trail (Map 7, Trail 32)**

*Description:* Potential new, short, horse trail connecting a potential new Station Camp Collector trailhead access site near the boundary to Pilot-Wines Loop.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Site plan; provide new horse trail (dependent on provision of new trailhead)
- A: Not included
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-3

### **Station Camp Creek Trail (Map 7, Trail 33)**

*Description:* Designated graveled horse trail mainly using old roads providing access between Charit Creek Lodge and Station Camp. Route is also used for administrative vehicles. This trail crosses Station Camp Creek many times and occasionally is in the stream.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated horse trail; re-route trail to minimize stream crossings, and mitigate resource impacts
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-4

### **Station Camp Day Use Trailhead Connector (Map 7, Trail 34)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail connecting the day use equestrian trailhead with the Station Camp Horse Camp Connector.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-1

### **Station Camp Ford (Map 7, Trail 35)**

*Description:* Designated river crossing for horses at location of old ford used for access to various sites and as a link in longer loop rides. The riverbed at this location is habitat for endangered mussels. An interim method for addressing this issue, i.e., a flagged trail and educational signs, continues to provide for visitor use across, or through, the river. Additional studies are planned.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue interim trail crossing method; continue to investigate most appropriate long-term crossing method.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* (To be determined)

**Station Camp Horse Camp Access Road (Map 7, Road 36)**

*Description:* Designated gravel road used by 2 and 4 wheel drive vehicles towing horse trailers.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue as designated
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 2A

**Station Camp Horse Camp Connector Trail (Map 7, Trail 37)**

*Description:* Designated gravel horse trail circling the horse camp, serving as a collector, and connecting it with Pilot-Wines Loop. Some of trail also used by 2 and 4 wheel drives and ATVs.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue horse use only
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* H-1

**Station Camp Road (Map 7, Road 38)**

*Description:* Designated, mostly two-lane graveled road used by 2 wheel drive passenger vehicles and vehicles towing horse trailers to access Station Camp horse camp, the river, and other roads and trails. Horse trailers towed all the way to the river are a safety issue because of the road width in the gorge. Horses also use portions of the road on the plateau and in the gorge as part of designated trails or connections to trails. One of the legislative gorge access roads.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Relocate horse use; provide road standard suitable for horse trailers only to Chimney Rock parking area
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 2A to Chimney Rock parking area; 2B from Chimney Rock to river

### **TN 297 (Map 7, Road 39)**

*Description:* Paved, major access route to and through National Area; access to Bandy Creek development area; used by all types of street-legal vehicles, including through commercial vehicles and trucks. Portion through gorge has very tight turns and 13% grades.

*Alternatives/actions:*

- Preferred: Continue use as designated. Investigate limiting use of large vehicles to improve safety and visitor experience.
- A: Same as Preferred
- B: Same as Preferred

*Standard:* 1A